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In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement dated 05/12/05, following the submission of the Appeal Brief in the above-identified patent application, this election is offered. The Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to pursue Claims 1, 5-13, 30-39, and 60-68. In addition, the Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's restriction requirement. Reconsideration and withdrawal is respectfully requested because the classification and field of search is the same regardless of whether the inventive residue removal step is performed with the advantageously claimed wet or dry processes. Therefore, even though the first and second embodiments are patentable over each other, no reason exists for concluding that each embodiment has attained recognition in the art as a separate status or field of search.

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